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CURRENT SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR

FRETILIN ARMED FORCES (FALINTIL),EARLY THIS MONTH,ATTACK-ED THE TOWN OF VIKEKE IN THE EASTERN PART OF EAST TIMOR AND OCCUPIED IT FOR 3 (THREE DAYS).SEVEN INDONESIAN SOLDIERS AND FOUR HANSIPS (TIMORESE CONSCRIPTED BY INDONESIAN TROOPS) WERE KILLED DURING THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE. TWO INDONESIAN MILITRARY CARS WERE BLOWN UP AND UNKNOWN NUMBER OF SOLDIERS KILLED.SOME INDONESIAN TROOPS WERE CAPTURED BUT THE MAJORITY OF THEM DUCKED AWAY TO BAUCAU.

THE INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES ARE NOW PREPARING TO A DESPERATE FULL SCALE ATTACK FOR THE END OF THIS MONTH.THE OPERATION IS KNOWN AS "OPERATION KIKIS".THE AIM IS TO "WIPE OUT"THE RESISTANCE FORCES.AS PART OF THE PREPARATION,MORE THAN A HUNDRED TIMORESE MEN AND WOMEN HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRESTED.TWO TIMORESE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN HOLIDAY IN DILI WERE ALSO ARRESTED AND DISAPPEARED. THEY ARE DOMINGOS SARMENTO,A LAW STUDENT FROM THE INDONESIAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (UKI),AND GERMANO DA SILVA, A FINAL YEAR STUDENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM THE LEMBAGA ADMINISTRASI NEGARA (LAN)INSTITUTE.

"OPERATION KIKIS" INVOLVES 30 BATTALIONS TWELVE OF WHICH ARE ALREADY STATIONED IN BAUCAU.THE REMAINING FORCE IS IN THE BORDER AND VERY EASTERN PART OF EAST TIMOR.

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